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C<sup>3</sup> --9. (Twice Amended) An information service center for distributing a program to terminal equipment, comprising:  
 storage means for storing a plurality of programs;  
 retrieving means for retrieving a desired program selected at the terminal equipment from the plurality of programs stored in the storage means;  
 dividing means for dividing the desired program retrieved by the retrieving means into an outline part for informing a user of an outline of the desired program and into a supplement part recombina-ble with the outline part for restoring the desired program; and  
 transmission means for transmitting the outline part and the supplement part thereafter to the terminal equipment.

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C<sup>4</sup> --12. (Twice Amended) The information service center as set forth in claim 9, wherein the desired program includes audio data; and the dividing means comprises:

frequency component dividing means for dividing frequency components of the audio data into an even spectrum and an odd spectrum for providing one of the even spectrum and the odd spectrum as the outline part and an other spectrum as the supplement part

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--1. (Twice Amended) A data distribution system including an information service center and terminal equipment remote from the information service center and adapted for distributing a program selected at the terminal equipment from the information service center to the terminal equipment, the information service center comprising:

storage means for storing a plurality of programs;

retrieving means for retrieving a desired program selected at the terminal equipment from the plurality of programs stored in the storage means;

dividing means for dividing the desired program retrieved by the retrieving means into an outline part for informing a user of an outline of the desired program and into a supplement part recombinaable with the outline part for restoring the desired program; and

transmission means for transmitting the outline part and the supplement part thereafter to the terminal equipment; and the terminal equipment comprising:

receiving means for receiving the outline part and the supplement part transmitted from the information service center;

recombining means for recombining the outline part and the supplement part received by the receiving means; and

reproducing means for reproducing the outline part for monitoring.

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--4. (Twice Amended) The data distribution system as set forth in claim 1, wherein:

the desired program includes audio data; and

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--15. (Twice Amended) Terminal equipment for receiving a program transmitted from an information service center, comprising:

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receiving means for receiving an outline part and a supplement part distributed sequentially from the information service center;

recombining means for recombining the outline part and the supplement part received by the receiving means; and

reproducing means for reproducing the outline part for monitoring by a user.

--17. (Twice Amended) The terminal equipment as set forth in claim 15, further comprising:

converting means for converting frequency-axial signals of the outline part and the supplement part respectively distributed from the information service center, to time-axial signal,

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wherein said recombining means recombines signals from the converting means for band composition to restore the program.

--18. (Twice Amended) The terminal equipment as set forth in claim 15, wherein:

the outline part and the supplement part distributed from the information service center respectively include a first output generated through addition of a plurality of channels and a second output generated through subtraction of the plurality of channels; and

the recombining means adds and subtracts the outline part

and the supplement part to restore the program.

--19. (Twice Amended) The terminal equipment as set forth in claim 15, wherein:

the program includes audio data;

C6 the outline part and the supplement part distributed from the information service center each include an even spectrum and an odd spectrum resulting from division of frequency components of the audio data; and

the first recombining means provides the even spectrum and the odd spectrum alternately to restore the program.

sub D7 --24. (Twice Amended) A method of distributing a program between an information service center and terminal equipment remote from the information service center, comprising the steps of:

C7 dividing a desired program selected at the terminal equipment into an outline part for informing a user of an outline of the desired program and into a supplement part recombining with the outline part for restoring the desired program;

transmitting the outline part and the divided supplement part thereafter to the terminal equipment;

receiving the outline part and the supplement distributed from the information service center;

recombining the received outline part and the received supplement part; and

reproducing the outline part for monitoring by the user.-